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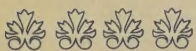
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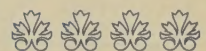
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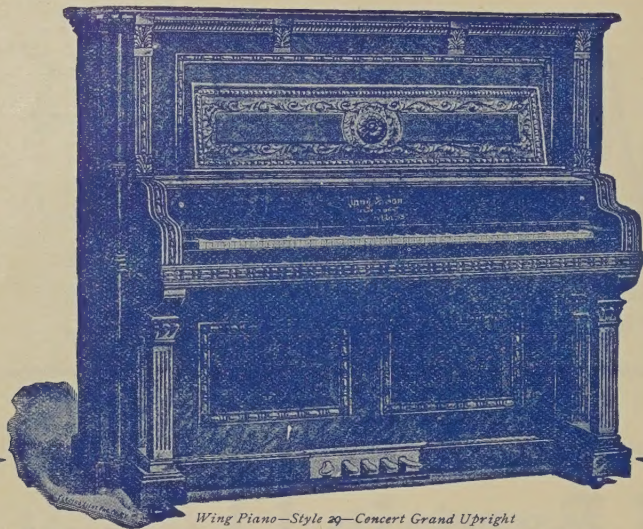


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Wild Flowers Under Cultivation.

True lovers of nature like to seek the wild flowers in their natural habitat. Those which we have known for years greet us each season like old friends whom we are always glad to meet, and if we chance to find them in a new locality, or in some distant part of the country, still more delighted are we to see their bright faces.

But our native plants are in great danger of being exterminated. In fact, in the vicinity of our large towns, many species have already become extinct. This is partly in consequence of the destruction of the groves and forests which is constantly going on, and partly on account of the rapacity of those who wander into the country to gather flowers, and who not only pick every one they see but often pull the plants up by the roots.

Many species of wild flowers, however, take kindly to cultivation, and will abundantly repay the trouble of transplanting. In this way we not only save them from the danger of absolute extinction, but we can also enjoy them without long excursions.

In nearly every yard or garden there is some nook in which wild plants will grow, and we have only to experiment a little in order to find which species will succeed best in the locations we are able to give them. In point of fact, it is often a great surprise to find how readily many species will adapt themselves to seemingly adverse conditions, thriving luxuriantly and blossoming abundantly. Of course, some care and study in placing them in the best possible environment will make the chances of success greater.

To one of our subscribers, Mr. H. W. Britcher, of Syracuse, N. Y., we are indebted for the photographs from which the accompanying illustrations were made; our great regret is that want of space prevents the use of more of the pictures which he kindly furnished. Mr. Britcher seems to be particularly fortunate in the culture of wild flowers. He describes his garden as follows: "A city garden, shaded on the south and east by a six-foot fence; on the east, also, by over-hanging Maple trees which keep the soil 'dry as a bone'; on the west by a two-story house. No spot receives more than three or four hours sunshine, beginning at 10 or 11 A. M. Native plants, garden perennials and Dutch bulbs give flowers every day, from the time the earliest Crocus blooms in the sunniest spot, until the frost kills the wild Asters and the Japan Anemones."

The Hepaticas take very kindly to cultivation, growing quite as readily in the garden as in the woods, and blooming just as freely. In sunny spots the flowers appear very soon after the snow

goes off, and they are quite as attractive as the Trailing Arbutus, which will not bear transplanting. The flowers vary in color from pure white to pink, purple and blue. The whole plant is charming, from the dainty blossoms to the downy new leaves, so carefully folded. The bunches increase in size and vigor as the years go on, and no wild plant better repays the trouble of transplanting.

Following closely on the Hepaticas, in fact, blooming at the same time in warm, sunny locations, come the Trilliums. The large white blossoms of the grandiflorum are very beautiful, and their gradual change to various shades of pink makes an interesting study. The deep red blossoms of the erectum make a fine contrast to the

like blossoms are airy and graceful, and its leaves are particularly beautiful. It will grow contentedly in the garden year after year.

The Bloodroot, (*Sanguinaria Canadense*) is well adapted to garden cultivation, and nothing can be more attractive than its pure white blossoms, which come out in the earliest spring days. The veiny leaf is closely wrapped around the flower bud when they first appear, as if to protect it from the cold. The Bloodroot spreads rapidly and soon forms a fine clump.

Nearly every species of Violet will do well under cultivation. *Viola palmata* var. *cucullata*, our most common blue Violet, makes a pretty border, the only trouble being that it thrives so well it crowds out other plants.

The Wild Ginger (*Asarum Canadense*) has beautiful, softly pubescent leaves and curious dark brown flowers which lie close to the ground. It thrives vigorously under almost any conditions.

The Columbine is one of the most graceful of our wild flowers. It grows naturally in all sorts of places, sometimes even hanging from the sides of cliffs dripping with water, where it would not seem possible it could obtain a foothold, and it also flourishes among rocks and stones. The whole plant has a striking individuality and grace, and its brilliant colors make it a beautiful object in the garden, where it will flourish without any particular care or attention. It will blossom nearly all summer, if the seed pods are kept cut off.

The Uvularias, or Bellworts, do extremely well under cultivation. The clumps every year throw up more and more stems of the pale yellow blossoms, which droop so gracefully. The flowers seem to increase in size by cultivation, and the plant becomes very

ornamental.

The *Cypripedium*, or Lady Slipper, in its various species, is a regal ornament of our gardens. *C. spectabile*, the Showy Lady Slipper, is the most beautiful of the family. It grows in swamps, but is also found on sandy hillsides, and it flourishes in the garden as well as in its natural habitat, if watered enough to prevent the soil from drying on top. No more beautiful flower can be wished for a wild garden, where it will improve every year.

Cypripedium pubescens, the large yellow Lady Slipper, does well under cultivation, even without particular care. The smaller-flowered species, *C. parviflorum*, also does well in the wild garden, the clumps increasing in size as they become established.

The Blue Flag, (*Iris versicolor*), naturally grows

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TRILLIUM GRANDIFLORUM MITELLA DIPHYLLA.

pure white flowers of the grandiflorum. The Painted Trillium (*T. erythrocarpum*) is a very pretty species with faint markings of purple in its cup.

All of the Trilliums thrive under cultivation; the clumps grow larger each year, and the blossoms also. Mr. Britcher says those shown in the illustration were the "pioneers" in the native plant division of his garden, and have been in cultivation ten years. The writer has a clump equally as fine which has been growing in a city garden about five years, but its picture has never been taken.

Mitella diphylla, Miterwort, or Bishop's Cap, which shows in the illustration of the Trillium, is a dainty little white flower which will flourish in almost any shady nook. Its cousin, *Tiarella cordifolia*, False Miterwort, is one of the prettiest of our early spring flowers. The sprays of foam-

IMPROVEMENT OF HOME GROUNDS.

A wide-spread interest in the improvement of home grounds is one of the most interesting and encouraging features of the new century. People with small lots are beginning to realize that they are not debarred from pleasant outlooks, and are devoting their thoughts to making their surroundings as beautiful as possible. Not only are they beautifying their front lawns, and so making their places more attractive to the passers by, but the long-neglected back yards are being adorned for their own pleasure. It is a surprise to many to find that a very small expenditure of time and money will make the home grounds very attractive, and increase the value of the property in a marked degree.

The National Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio, has shown most conclusively what can be done in the improvement of home grounds, as well as in beautifying whole streets and neighborhoods. We are indebted to their courtesy for the accompanying illustrations.

Improvement associations have sprung up in the



A DIVISION LINE MADE ATTRACTIVE.

various parts of the country; it is said there are already more than one thousand in existence, and the number is rapidly increasing. The National League of Improvement Associations, whose object is "The Promotion of Civic Beauty," with headquarters at Springfield, Ohio, is seeking to secure the organization of a local affiliated society in every city and town in the country. We trust their desires will be realized, as organized efforts are always productive of the greatest results.

If no such organization exists in your town, however, do not wait for one but begin at once the work of improvement on your own premises. We believe that such work, like charity, should begin at home, and as a little leaven produces surprising results, your efforts will undoubtedly have their influence on the neighborhood in which you live.

Very often there is no dividing fence between city, or village lots, and yet it is desirable there should be some boundary line. A flower border makes a most attractive separating line, and is much more desirable than a fence or hedge. This border can be planted with bulbs in the fall, followed by annuals in the spring, or it can be made permanent by planting perennials.

Of annuals, Asters make a very pretty border, also Petunias, Phlox, Portulaca, Poppies, Verbena, and Zinnias. Sweet Peas, Morning Glory vines and climbing Nasturtiums, trained on wires make picturesque dividing lines; Cannas, Dahlias and Geraniums can also be used with good effect.

If an unsightly board fence surrounds your

back yard, plant some climbers along it. Morning Glory vines produce very satisfactory results, as they grow rapidly. The Virginia Creeper (*Ampelopsis quinquefolia*) and our native Clematis (*Clematis Virginiana*) are hardy vines that will make permanent adornment.

Sweet peas and nasturtiums make rapid growth and will furnish an abundance of flowers for cutting, and phlox, petunias, candytuft, sweet alyssum, calliopsis, asters, and zinnias can always be depended on for good results.

A small plot devoted to vegetables will surprise you by the returns you will get from it, and, if you have boys, the pleasure and pride they will take in caring for this miniature garden will produce results not to be estimated in dollars and cents.

A small strawberry bed will produce a considerable quantity of fruit, and that which you get in the market will bear no comparison in quality and flavor with that produced in your own little garden.

Truly, the capabilities of neglected back yards are manifold, and a little care and attention will produce surprising results.—*F. B.*

Questions and Answers.

How can I get rid of the little red spider? It has bothered me this winter. Mrs. S. M. L., Willoughby, Ohio.

The presence of the red spider on plants indicates that the atmosphere of the room is too hot and dry. The best remedy is frequently spraying or syringing with cold water. Care should be taken to spray the under side of the leaves as well as the upper side. If the plant is of such size that it can be immersed in water, that treatment will generally be efficacious.

What is the proper treatment for an Amaryllis after it is done blooming? When is the proper time to transplant? Mrs. M. N. S.—

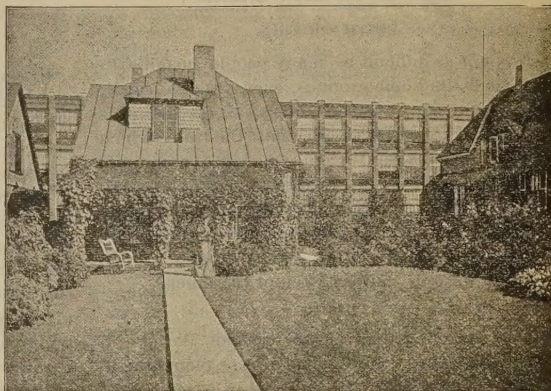
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After blooming the plant should be encouraged to make a vigorous growth by giving an occasional supply of manure water. When growth ceases, the leaves will turn yellow and water should then be withheld and the plant allowed to die down. The resting season is usually from October or November to March or April. The pot can be put in the cellar away from the frost. In the spring bring out and water thoroughly. A bud will often appear before any leaves start. While the buds are growing keep the plant well watered and give some manure water.

Do not repot amaryllis oftener than absolutely necessary, as they do not like to be disturbed, and often will not bloom for a year after being changed. When growth begins remove some of the upper soil, without disturbing the roots, and fill in with fresh soil mixed with well-rotted manure. They do best in a small pot; leave the upper part of the bulb and the long neck above the soil.

Will you please inform me through the columns of *Vick's Magazine* if parsnips, when allowed to grow wild from seeds of the cultivated vegetable are poisonous. C. E. S.

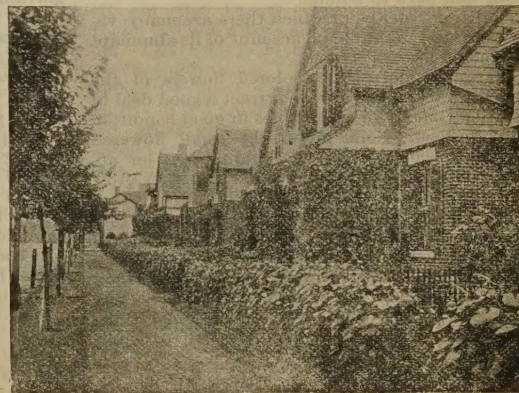
An old number of *Vick's Magazine* has a letter from a reader who fears



AN IMPROVED BACK YARD

wild parsnip seed may get mixed with the seed he buys from the seedsman and thus he will be poisoned. The editor replies that while parsnips escaped from cultivation are certainly poisonous the danger of getting them in this way is slight. But is the parsnip ever really noxious? The parsnip is native to England, "growing by roadsides where the soil is deep and calcareous." Lindleys Botany an English make from which I quote, sets forth the dangerous nature of the Hemlock, (*Conium*) the fool's parsley (*Ethusa*) the water hemlock (*Cicuta*) and says that even celery as a wild plant in English marshes is deadly, but not a word of suspicion is said of the parsnip. If the garden parsnip is poisonous when self-sown one would think the genuine wild plant would be. A lady tells me that an Irishman told her that when a boy he ate many of the escaped parsnips, and I know a girl who proposing "to see if they were poison," pulled and ate one with no ill effect. Horses pull and eat all the wild parsnips they can find, or at least some horses do, and I sowed a few drills of wild seed in my garden from roadside plants presumably from the garden of a prehistoric log cabin which stood near by sixty years ago. These seeds produced roots as large and smooth as the seedsman's seed did identical with them as far as I could see, and we who ate them are still alive. I imagine parsnips are mixed up in the popular mind with *Coniums* and *Cicutas* which belonging to the same family resemble parsnips more or less (mostly more). Lastly I have been eating wild parsnips lately myself, though perhaps not in poisonous doses. I cannot see the least difference in flavor between the garden parsnip and the wild ones. E. S. GILBERT.

All who desire to beautify their homes should read *Vick's Magazine* regularly as every issue contains practical, helpful suggestions. We would esteem it a favor if you would call the attention of your friends to these valuable articles and if you can send us some subscriptions it will help us to improve the magazine more rapidly, which is our earnest desire.



A BEAUTIFUL WALK.

SPARTACUS TO The GLADIATORS

The above heading will doubtless recall to the minds of many of our readers the elocutionary struggles of their younger days. The death of the author of this famous declamation, brings it again prominently to notice, and, no doubt, there are many who would like to know how Elijah Kellogg came to write it.

When young Kellogg was a theological student at Andover, it was always a part of the Seminary program at rhetorical exercises to have a committee appointed for the purpose of criticising the speakers severely. Kellogg shrank from the approaching ordeal and decided to write something which it would be impossible to criticise. After several weeks' study and reflection, "Spartacus to the Gladiators" was evolved.

Spartacus was a Thracian shepherd boy who had been captured by the Romans and trained as a gladiator, and the declamation is an imaginary speech made by him to the two hundred gladi-



TIARELLA CORDIFOLIA.

(See article on first page)

descended the hill and inflicted a severe defeat upon the three thousand Roman soldiers sent to subdue them. Thousands upon thousands of slaves now rushed to the standard of Spartacus, and victory after victory attended his arms. Rome had not been in such peril since the days of Hannibal. The original design of Spartacus was the securing of his own freedom, and during the two years of insurrection that followed he did not forget his ultimate purpose. But dissensions finally arose in his ranks; his army became divided, and the great slave chieftain "who had never yet lowered his arm," fell at last, unrecognized among the heaps of his slain foes. At his death the slave insurrection ended.

The oration was as follows:

"Ye call me chief; and ye do well to call him chief who for twelve long years has met upon the arena every shape of man or beast the broad empire of Rome could furnish, and who never yet lowered his arm. If there be one among you who can say that ever, in public fight or private brawl, my actions did belie my tongue, let him stand forth and say it. If there be three in all your company dare face me on the bloody sands, let them come on. And yet I was not always thus—a hired butcher, a savage chief of still more savage men! My ancestors came from old Sparta, and settled among the vine-clad hills and citron-groves of Syrasella. My early life ran quiet as the brooks by which I sported; and when at noon I gathered my sheep beneath the shade and played upon the shepherd's flute there was a friend, the son of a neighbor, to join me in the pastime. We led our flocks to the same pasture and partook together our rustic meal. One evening after the sheep were folded, and we were all seated beneath the myrtle which shaded our cottage, my grandsire, an old man, was telling of Marathon and Leuctra; and how in ancient times a little band of Spartans, in a defile of the mountains, had withstood a whole army. I did not then know what war was; but my cheeks burned, I knew not why, and I clasped the knees of that venerable man until my mother, parting my hair from off my forehead, kissed my throbbing temples, and bade me go to rest and think no more of those old tales and savage wars.

"That very night the Romans landed on our coast. I saw the breast that had nourished me trampled by the hoof of the war-horse; the bleeding body of my father flung amidst the blazing rafters of our dwelling!

"Today I killed a man in the arena; and when I broke his helmet-clasps, behold, he was my friend! He knew me, smiled faintly, gasped, and died; the same sweet smile upon his lips that I had marked when, in adventurous boyhood, we scaled the lofty cliff to pluck the first wild grapes and bear them home in childish triumph. I told the pretor that the dead man had been my friend, generous and brave; and I begged that I might bear away the body, to burn it on a funeral-pile and mourn over its ashes. Aye! upon my knees amid the dust and blood of the arena I begged that poor boon, while the assembled maids and matrons and the holy virgins they call Vestals and the rabble shouted in derision, deeming it rare sport, 'forsooth, to see Rome's fiercest gladiator turn pale and tremble at sight of that piece of bleeding clay! And the pretor drew back as if I were pollution and sternly said, 'Let the carrion rot; there are no noble men but Romans!' And so, fellow-gladiators, must you, and so must I, die like dogs. O Rome! Rome! thou hast been a tender nurse to me. Aye! thou hast given to that poor, gentle shepherd lad, who never knew a harsher tone than a flute-note, muscles of iron and a heart of flint; taught him to drive the sword through plaited mail and links of rugged brass, and warm it in the marrow of his foe; to gaze into the glaring eye-balls of the fierce Numidian lion, even as a boy upon a laughing girl! And he shall pay thee back, until the yellow Tiber is red as frothing wine, and in its deepest ooze thy life-blood lies curdled!

"Ye stand here now like giants, as ye are! The strength of brass is in your toughened sinews;

but tomorrow some Roman Adonis, breathing sweet perfume from his curly locks, shall with his lily fingers pat your red brawn and bet his securities upon your blood. Hark! hear ye yon lion roaring in his den? 'Tis three days since he tasted flesh; but tomorrow he shall break his fast upon yours—and a dainty meal for him ye will be! If ye are beasts, then stand here like fat oxen, waiting for the butcher's knife! If ye are men, follow me. Strike down yon guard, gain



CYPRIPEDIUM PUBESCENS.

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the mountain-passes, and there do bloody work as did your sires at old Thermopylae! Is Sparta dead? Is the old Grecian spirit frozen in your veins, that you do crouch and cower like a belabored hound beneath his master's lash? O comrades! warriors! Thracians!—if we must fight, let us fight for ourselves! If we must slaughter, let us slaughter our oppressors! If we must die, let it be under the clear sky, by the bright waters, in noble, honorable battle!"

Wild Flowers Under Cultivation.

(CONCLUDED.)

in wet places, but Mr. Britcher says that it "holds its own well with only occasional watering. A clump furnishes flowers for about a month."

For vivid coloring no other blossom can compare with the Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*). It usually grows along streams, but it accommodates itself well to the garden, especially if it be planted where it can occasionally be given a dash of water. The Cardinal Flower begins to bloom in July, and the long spikes of brilliant blossoms will continue opening to the very tip, lasting until the latter part of August. Numerous side shoots spring out from the main stalk, and lengthen the time of flowering.

The various species of wild Asters accommodate themselves to garden privileges with no reluctance whatever; they fill in the waste places, lengthen the season of bloom, and are useful for decoration. They deserve a place in the wild garden, and the same may be said of the Goldenrods.

One peculiar feature about transplanting wild flowers is, that they will do well even if taken up when in bloom. This is very fortunate, as some die down after blooming, and it would be almost impossible to find them at any other time than when in blossom. Whenever you go to the woods, be sure to take a trowel with you and carry home some of the wild plants; they will add attractiveness to your garden, and a love for them will grow with a more intimate association with them.—*Florence Beckwith.*

ators in the recesses of the amphitheatre at Capua, at the close of a day of Roman festivities. A break for freedom was designed, but the conspiracy was discovered and only seventy of the two hundred succeeded in fighting their way through the city with such weapons as they could find, to Mt. Vesuvius, where they posted themselves in defiance of the powers of Rome. Here they were joined by considerable numbers of runaway slaves. Spartacus being chosen chief, they

My Cousin's Widow

By Carolyn Stoddard.

PART I.

I had already settled to retain most of the servants, and sent for the old housekeeper to consult on the subject. This woman had been my cousin's nurse when he was a baby, and had loved him with a rare, passionate, exclusive love, which his awkward, undemonstrative manner had never been able to chill. His neglect to provide for her in her old age seemed, therefore, as wonderful to me as this total disregard of his wife's claims upon him, and could hardly have been the result of forgetfulness, I thought.

It is true that he might have hoped to outlive Mrs. Staines, who must be close upon seventy; but this argument would not hold good in the other cases, and considering the uncertainty of human life, was a poor excuse at all times. But you may be sure I took care not to hint any blame of the dead master to his faithful servant, whom I almost regretted having summoned to my presence, when I found that she was nearly prostrated with grief. However, by encouraging her to speak of her duties, I drew her away from herself; and when the first natural burst of sorrow at having to recognize a new master had subsided, I found her ready to enter into all my plans, and anxious to prove that she was still equal to the work I had appointed her in my household.

I had not ventured to speak of my cousin's last illness; but when she broached the subject herself, and seemed to find a certain relief in dwelling upon it, I listened with eager interest.

"The master was never a strong man," she said, with a sorrowful, far-away look back into the days of his childhood. "When he was but a lad, many and many's the time he has said to me: 'I shan't make old bones, nurse;' and though I laughed and pooh-poohed the idea, I had a feeling, somehow, that he was right. He seemed to have everything the world could give him, and yet he was full of care; never smiling like other folks, who seemed to have so much less to smile at, as far as we could see. I thought, maybe, his marriage would cheer him up; and when he told me that it was to be, first of anyone," she added, proudly, "my words were: 'Will it make you happier, Master Christopher?'—for I could not get out of calling him Master Christopher, sir, though he was a man grown and a squire; it came so natural to me, having nursed him as a babe on my breast, and loved him like my own from that day to this. 'I hope so,' he answered, gently—'I hope so, and then he did not mention her name again until he brought her home here as a bride, and said to me, quite proud and pleased-like: 'Come, nurse, there will be no luck for my wife in this house, unless you bid her welcome.' And just to think, sir, it's only two months back he spoke those words; and now he lies in his grave, and she is a widow."

"Ah! indeed?" I said; "one can hardly believe it possible."

"And Master Christopher seemed so bright and gay, almost a boy again until one day, I remember it so well, all of us servants noticed a change in him and her both, though you may be sure, sir, that no word of the kind passed my lips. At meals they never spoke to each other, the butler said, though he judged from what he saw that she was the one who felt offended, as she held herself very grand, and seemed to be always urging him to some step he was unwilling to take. The end of it was, that Master Christopher was taken ill, and then, whatever their quarrel might have been, his wife relented; for she nursed him day and night with wonderful devotion. We had none of us the least idea of danger, nor had she, I fancy, though the Doctor came twice a day, and seemed very unwilling to answer any of our ques-

tions. It was this day week, just as night was falling, my mistress came running into my room, with a white, scared face, and almost breathless. 'Your master frightens me,' she said; 'he is so cold and quiet. He hasn't spoken for an hour at least.' I followed her upstairs, and with a glance I knew that he was going fast. Of course we sent off for Dr. Blackwell at once; but long before the groom could reach his house, the master was dead."

She stooped, and, hiding her face in her apron, sobbed aloud. I waited until her grief had subsided, and then, finding that she considered my questions a proof of sympathy and I ventured to ask if my cousin had been at all sensible at the last.

"Oh! yes, sir," she said. "We gave him some brandy, and he revived wonderfully for a little while; but all his cry, those last precious moments, was: 'Oh! Edith, do let me—do let me!' And then she would kiss him, with quivering lips, and sob and sigh; but answer back: 'No, darling—no; it must not be,' and begin to pray in wild, earnest words for the poor soul that was on the wing. He lay in a stupor, his head on her breast, after this. But suddenly he opened his eyes, turned them clear and full on his wife, smiling as he muttered: 'The punishment falls upon you, love. But Heaven is merciful; and I see now you were right.' He lifted himself to touch her lips, and in that kiss the spirit passed. I tell you this, sir," she added, after a minute's pause, "because you belong to the family. I was alone with my mistress in that trying time; and to no other living soul would I mention what passed. But it seems to me that, now she is poor, and dependent on you, as it were, sir, you ought to be told the truth; for she is one of two things: either the most wicked woman who ever breathed, or the very noblest. The most wicked if she refused him a last request she might have granted; the very noblest, if she held firm at such an hour for conscience' sake. And the master, with his last breath, praised her constancy; so that we are bound to believe she did no wrong."

I understood that she was pleading for her mistress, and trying to establish her right to some provision out of the estate. But willing as I was to do all I could for Mrs. Lorn, I felt very doubtful whether she would accept anything from me. I hinted this to Mrs. Staines, who seemed surprised at the suggestion. People in that class, however superior, can seldom understand any delicacy of this kind. They are brought up to believe that it is the duty of the rich to give to the poor, and that the poor are fools when they refuse; and what we call pride, they would call madness, or sheer folly.

"Why should she mind, sir, since you've got plenty?" argued Mrs. Staines. "It isn't as if you couldn't afford it."

"At any rate, we shall see. I am almost afraid—"

"I sha'n't think much of her sense, if she refuses, sir; for every one knows that with a word of her mouth she might have had the property herself; and why she gave it up is a mystery to me."

"And so it is to me. I rather hoped you might be able to enlighten me, Mrs. Staines."

"I'm just as ignorant in that matter as a babe unborn. I know that the master loved her dearly and truly, and would have denied her nothing: beyond that I cannot say. It is all a mystery to me from beginning to end."

"Do you think Mrs. Lorn would see me?" I asked.

"She might, sir, if you did not have the lamp brought in. She has a feeling I have often noticed in people who have just had a great sorrow; she cannot bear to be looked at."

"I will do whatever you tell me," I replied; "but it is almost necessary we should meet. There are some things one could hardly write."

"I will go and ask her, sir, if you will be kind enough to wait."

And the good old soul went off, fondly persuaded that she had served the master's wife, and mended matters by her interference.

Several minutes elapsed, and I almost fancied that the young widow had declined to see me, when I heard a step, so unlike Mrs. Staines' substantial tread, that it was impossible to confound the two; the door opened softly, and a timid, dark figure glided into the room.

I rose by instinct, and, bowing low, held out a chair.

She passed by the one I had proffered, and seated herself with her back to the window, so that what light there was, fell, not on her face, but on the pale, soft folds of her golden hair. I fancy that most of us, however well accustomed to the ways of the world, feel embarrassed and awkward at moments like these. I had been knocking about the world for the last ten years, and was apt to find myself at a loss for words adapted to any occasion; but this evening I racked my brain for something suitable to say, and, failing in my endeavours, was helplessly silent.

"I believe you wished to see me," she said, at last, falteringly.

"I thought it would be best," I managed to stammer out. "There are a few things to arrange."

"I know of nothing," was the response, coldly and gravely spoken. "I am leaving in half an hour; but the steward will show you his books, and give you any information you may require. You will find everything right in the house."

"But surely, Mrs. Lorn, the furniture and effects here belong to you?"

"Nothing belongs to me but my clothes, and a few trifles given to me at my marriage. Those I have taken with me, of course; but nothing beyond."

"I am so very—very sorry," I began; but she stopped me at once, almost haughtily.

"I am not complaining, Captain Lorn; I beg you to understand that. I am simply stating facts. As you sent for me, I imagined it could only be to learn these things, and I should be grieved to withhold anything it was my duty to tell."

"I have no right to ask you anything," I answered, almost passionately; "and I did not send for you. Pardon me if I speak strangely; but if you had not given me credit for any sympathy with you in all your sorrows, you might have understood that a gentleman would hardly send for a lady under any circumstances, though he might humbly request the favour of her company for a few minutes, when he had something to say which was painful to speak, but still more painful to write."

I saw her shiver convulsively, and her slender fingers twined themselves together in a fierce effort at self control. I could just tell that her face went white, for even in the shadowy light it gleamed on me in piteous appeal, meeting me fully, and yet revealing nothing but its terrible pallor, its miserable, supplicating earnestness.

"What do you mean?" she said, at last, in one laboured breath.

"Will you forgive me if I tell you bluntly? Just now, when I want to choose my words carefully, to spare you all I can, the trick seems lost."

"You need not try to spare me," she answered, humbly. "I can bear anything but suspense."

"I am so fearful lest you should think me arrogant and presuming."

"Arrogant—presuming!" she said, repeating the words after me in a slow, soft aside.

"I want you to understand that I have a right to do what I ask, at the same time that I beg it as a favour," I went on, eagerly. "My cousin was not able to do as he would have wished—his time was so short; the duty, therefore, devolves upon me."

My courage failed me again, and I stopped short, to resume presently in a timid, supplicating tone:

"Everything I have I owe to you. It would be cruel indeed if you denied me the pleasure of returning in some measure this great obligation. But you have shown that you are generous, now show that you are just—to yourself."

"You must speak plainly," she said, a little irritated, I thought, by all this circumlocution.

"My head is not very strong to-night, and trying to understand your meaning confuses me."

Then she added, more gently; "I cannot admit that my husband neglected any duty, and if so, it would not have necessarily devolved on you; neither can I possibly allow you to suppose that you owe anything to me. All here belongs to you by right, and you need not be troubled in the enjoyment of your possessions by any anxiety on my account."

"That's just it," I exclaimed, seizing on the opening she had given me. "I cannot enjoy my possessions whilst you are left out in the cold."

"I am not left out in the cold," she said, her voice giving way a little. "My husband is gone; but the memory of his great love is warmth and brightness to me still. I do not want anything else but a little peace."

And she half rose, as if to put an end to the interview; but her sorrow made her meek, I suppose, for a slight gesture of mine detained her.

"All the same, I am going to implore you to take what you will not value, just for the sake of the comfort and ease it will bring me. I cannot be happy in my wealth unless you will consent to take a small part—a mere competence, if you choose; but something it must be."

She shook her head; but I knew that I had not angered her, or she would have left me at once.

"You are very good, Captain Lorn, and I quite appreciate your motives, and thank you for your delicacy; but it is impossible—absolutely and entirely impossible that I should accept a single farthing out of the Lornley estate."

"I have a small fortune of my very own—the price of my commission, and a few odd hundreds besides. Would you allow me to settle that upon you? You don't know what a favour you would confer upon me, if you would only consent."

"I cannot—indeed I cannot. Pray do not urge me any more," she answered, brokenly.

"If you only knew, there are so many things worse than being poor."

"I do not know that; at the same time you must understand that my cousin could have left the whole of his property to you, had he chosen, as he was the last on the entail; therefore, in making me heir to his estate, he also made me heir to his obligations, and it is as much my duty to provide for you as it would have been his, supposing he had time."

"He had plenty of time. It was not that. I did not wish it."

"You were very wrong," I said, earnestly; but it is not late to rectify your mistake."

"I have not made any mistake. If you knew all the circumstances, you would agree with me. And now, Captain Lorn, I repeat that I am exceedingly obliged to you for your offer, and more still for the way in which it was put; but as my mind is quite made up, it is useless to discuss the question any longer. But what I cannot accept for myself, I can accept for another. Mrs. Staines has been a faithful servant in the family now for close upon forty years, and I do pray for you that she may never be allowed to want."

"Did she not tell you that I had requested her to retain her old position in the household?"

"Yes; but when she is too old to work?"

"Then I shall pension her, of course. I wish you were half as considerate of yourself as you are of her."

"We won't resume that subject," she said, rising. "You must rest satisfied with the consciousness that you have done all you can to influence me, and therefore I must have some very strong motive for remaining firm. Good-bye, Captain Lorn,"—and she held out her hand—"we shall probably never meet again; but I hope you will try and believe false pride has nothing to do with my decision. If matters were just as you fancy, I would have accepted your offer without hesitation, feeling that my husband, in your place would have done the same. As it is, I am compelled to refuse, and can only apologize if, in the irritation of a great grief, I have spoken less gently than I should."

"I have only one regret," I said, pressing the poor little timid hand between my strong palms, "and that I dare not repeat. Heaven bless you,

Mrs. Lorn! and if you should ever repent to-night's decision, remember that my offer will be open for your acceptance so long as I live."

"Thanks," she murmured, in a satisfied voice; and hurried away out of my sight, no doubt to give vent to the tears so long suppressed.

Half an hour later, a hired carriage drove up to the door, and, sheltered behind the window-curtains, I watched the twilight flitting of the young widow from the home she had so lately entered as a bride. I am not much given to the "melting mood," but the tears found their way into my eyes somehow when she turned, with one foot on the step of the carriage, and took a mute farewell of the old building seeming to draw in a long, laboured breath of the summer night air, made so fragrant by the scent of her husband's favourite roses.

Then, with a long shiver, she lowered her head, gathered the sable folds of her veil about her face, and holding Mrs. Staine's hand to the very last, was driven away. Mr. Frazer having dismissed the tenants, joined me presently, and I was thankful enough for the distraction of his presence during the long dreary evening. He remained the next day to arrange with the steward, and set matters in working train, as he termed it; and then he returned to town, leaving me alone in my glory.

"You will certainly have to marry," he said to me, in a jocular tone, just before we parted. "This house is much too big for a bachelor."

"You forget that if I had a wife it would only make the difference of one more."

I have never known Mr. Frazer to be actually vulgar before; but at this stage he gave me a significant poke in the ribs.

"You are too modest to go a-wooing," he laughed. "I must find you a wife."

"Heaven forbid!" I mentally ejaculated, remembering the old adage that "Charity begins at home," and feeling tolerably certain that Miss Alison would keep him up to his duty. But all I said to him was:

"I will recollect your kind offer at the proper time."

"What do you call proper time, if not now, Captain Lorn?"

"The proper time to marry, I believe, is when you fall in love; and as yet I have never had that misfortune, or felicity, as the case may be."

"I see you are a sceptic, Captain Lorn."

"Nay; scepticism implies too deep knowledge of a subject, as a rule, and I profess my entire ignorance of the one under dispute."

"Oughtn't you to begin at once to make up for lost time?" said Mr. Frazer, with his sly, paternal eye turned in a homeward direction. "Give me an English girl, Captain Lorn—you can never beat her."

"I don't want to beat her," I answered with irreverent mockery. "I am quite astonished, Mr. Frazer, that you, a married man, and father of a family, should give me such advice."

"Let those laugh who win," he said, gaily. "I have no reason to be dissatisfied with my domestic divinity."

"No, indeed. Mrs. Frazer is charming."

"And Alison?"

"Miss Frazer is very handsome," I replied, with less enthusiasm.

"I shall tell her you said so."

It was not in mortal man to resist adding: "I don't think you need. She is quite conscious of her advantages."

Perhaps I had put into words a secret thought of his own, for Mr. Frazer's face fell unmistakably, and he looked, not hurt, but disappointed. He was inclined to give some weight to my opinion, I suppose, on account of my advantages, as a travelled man. Miss Alison's air of arrogant self-satisfaction imposed upon him when he was with her; but an authoritative doubt uttered by another, quickened the doubt in his own mind, and showed him that by exaggerating her effect, she was apt to fail. There was a ring of departed hopefulness in his tone as he said, deprecatingly:

"This is a fast age, Captain Lorn, and you see

that, from the moment girls leave school they get so much attention and flattery, it is hardly to be wondered they grow vain and self-opinionated. When I was a lad, I hardly dared sit down in my father's presence; and I suffered so much from his severity, that I daresay I have gone to the opposite extreme with my own children. No doubt there will be another reaction when our youngsters get children in their turn, and find their own comfort affected by the system they advocated so strenuously in their youth. Until then, I suppose, one must wait. You know that my wife is a sensible woman, and yet she gives in, recognizing the uselessness of opposition."

"I did not expect you to take my little speech so seriously, nor did I mean any imputation against your daughter, Mr. Frazer," I said, rather penitently, in view of his disappointment. "I am sure Miss Alison would be very generally admired."

"More than is good for her," he replied; and then we shook hands and parted, he taking with him a present of fruit and flowers out of the Lornley garden for his wife.

I have no doubt in my own mind that he told Miss Alison what I had said, for I met her six weeks later, riding in the park; and when I took off my hat, she vouched me a cold, impertinent stare, as much as to say "Who on earth are you?" and cut me dead.

"Write me down an ass, or a coxcomb; but I hadn't felt so safe as I did then for several weeks."

(To be continued in May issue.)

How a Boy Helped His Country.

We know very little what a small act of ours may amount to, but we may at least be sure that care and thoroughness always pay. Boys whose hearts beat fast at times with a wish that they might show their patriotism as did the boys of '76, may learn a lesson from a story which Edward Everett Hale tells of a Revolutionary lad:

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"Yes," Luke said, "I am here."

"What I mean," said one, "is there anybody here who can shoe a horse?"

"I think I can; I will try."

So he put the shoe on the horse quite thoroughly and well. And when it was done one of the men said:

"Boy, no ten men who have left you to-day have served your country as you have." It was Colonel Warner.

Judge—You're privileged to challenge any member of the jury now being empanelled. Defendant—Well, then, yer honor, Oi'll fight that shual mon in the corner with one eye.

The Elm Tree.

The farmer stood by the carriage house door, Surveying with pride his homestead o'er. "I wish I had planted one more tree, Just here on this side, by the vines," thought he.

Then he brought to the spot that sweet spring day, A young, strong elm, from over the way, And placed it there by the carriage-house door, Just where it was needed so much before.

Lo, the years went by, till ninety were told— One sows nor reaps, 'tis the story old— When a farmer, young stood by the door, Surveying with pride his domain o'er.

Said he, "The most beautiful thing I see Is this grand, o'er-arching, old elm tree, Who planted it, boy? His name we must read In the loving thought, in the loving deed.

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April Bird Talks.

JOURNAL NOTES.

MARCH 10.—There was a welcome sight on the lawn today. Two robins, the first ones of the season for me. How plump and gay they looked. I wonder if these are not the very same robins I saw linger latest in the Autumn, feeding on wild grapes, the vines of which twine to the very top of our old oak tree. If they could only tell me the winter's history.

APRIL 4.—The robins, the robins are everywhere today. How good it seems to hear their liquid, sweet notes again. The downy woodpeckers are also here and those spruce little chipping sparrows.

APRIL 11.—The meadow larks were outdoing the robins today in telling to our doubting ears that "Spring had come." We crossed the meadows to search for pussy willows and found that the beautiful meadow larks had been doing their best to waken up these brook pussies.

APRIL 17.—More new comers from the southern resorts today. For breakfast I feasted—with my eyes—upon two handsome flickers. (The flicker, yellow-hammer, the gold-winged woodpecker and the high-hole, as John Burroughs calls them, are one and the same bird.) They came so early and kept me so busy watching them—there was little chance for a more substantial breakfast. A pair—all the birds appear to be in pairs today—have hastened about the lawn feeding almost like chickens, in every spot that offered a fair meal. How odd it would seem to see other members of the woodpecker family come down to the ground and hurry about for food. Several times these handsome flickers "flicked" their wings so I could see the golden feathers. This is an extremely busy day in Birdland. A pair of downy woodpeckers have worked vigorously, tapping and drumming on every tree in sight. Also a pair of blue-jays appear to be busy nest-building. They both fly back and forth with straws. I wonder if any families will nest in those beautiful silvery poplars.

APRIL 24.—The flickers are again busy about the lawn. No blue birds or orioles yet. I have greatly enjoyed watching a sapsucker (the yellow-bellied woodpecker) drumming on a fence post which is just opposite our dining-room window. This post has been a favorite resort of his for several days.

APRIL 29.—Our friend the sapsucker is still at his post. He has bored it full of holes and every day he comes and drums and drums. Is he drumming for a mate? For the old dry post contains no sap. He is welcome to that post, if he will let good trees alone. Through the opera glasses we can see very distinctly the yellow on his throat and body, and the beautiful rich red on his head and throat. He has a black crescent on his breast and stripes of black and white on back and breast.

MAY 8. MINNEHAHA FALLS.—Following the winding way of the stream after it leaves the Falls, the first sight that met my eyes was a pretty brown thrush bathing in a tiny pool left by the recent rain. He paid no attention to me but continued his ablutions for fully five minutes. I could

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have wished he had kept on for an hour, it was such a pretty sight. But oh, his song was still more delightful. Whenever I think of the Falls in future, I shall see also this brown thrush and the little pool, and hear again the song. The woods were full of a medley of bird notes. This has been a day in which one could well echo Hamlin Garland's cry—

"Oh, to be lost in the wind and the sun
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The value of suitable shrubs, planted and disposed so as to relieve the bare ground lines of a house, round off the angles and corners, give a variable and pleasing outline to the boundary of a lawn, with the beautiful outlines of the shrubs in their own individual characters, different tints of bark, wealth of blossoms, and showy fruits at different seasons of the year, is beyond question the most satisfactory of all ornamental effects in pleasure ground home embellishment.

In a tasteful and artistic arrangement of ornamental shrubs, the scene or picture is constantly changing throughout the year, and every phase is gratifying. It is a great relief to occasionally see a home where choice and appropriate hardy shrubs have been massed or grouped with more or less skill in the front of the house, and along the lawn borders, and which stand out in striking contrast against the places where the grounds and lawns are not relieved in any way by masses of shrubs, or if at all, only in the most meagre and spotted manner.

Certain kinds of shrubs are particularly adapted for planting in connection with what is known as the front lawn, or that part of the home grounds facing the public street or road which is constantly exposed to the view of the public, and where it is especially the sincere wish of every owner of a home who loves the beautiful in horticulture and kindred branches, to present a good appearance and show his individuality in his taste for embellishment. Only such shrubs should be used as are chaste, choice and attractive in their general characters. In other words, no shrubs should be chosen for that position that present a coarse or unkempt appearance. Showy garden plants, such as hydrangeas, lilacs, hybrid perpetual and other roses, should always be kept in the garden proper at the rear of the house, where the inmates of the home and friends can enjoy and feast on their beauties in comparative retirement.

In planting shrubs for effect, no cut and dried rule can be laid down, as nearly every situation requires more or less different treatment. Certain general rules, however, can be borne in mind in planting. First. A massed or grouped effect should invariably be sought after, as against a scattered or spotted effect, and with perhaps a few individuals leading up, as it were, to the group or groups. Second. Never mix shrubs with highly colored foliage with others of plain normal green. If any one has a liking for yellow or variegated foliage shrubs, in planting them, keep them by themselves. The best place for such shrubs is the garden. It is best not to parade them before the public gaze. Third. Shrubs with stiff and rigid outlines, like the California privet, should always be planted or grouped by themselves, as they make a harsh combination with the free and flowing outlines of most other garden shrubs. Fourth. Always avoid scattering groups or individuals over the lawn. Confine the shrubs to the outskirts, and keep the lawn expanse free and open.

Where the shrubs are to be planted, if the soil is naturally good, and the grade has not been disturbed by cutting down or filling in, it should be loosened to a depth of two feet and turned over, always keeping the best soil on top, and a liberal quantity of decomposed manure should be mixed with the soil. If, as is frequently the case in front lawns, the grade has been filled in with the poorest kind of rubbish, it goes without saying that where the shrubs are to be planted, this material should be removed to a depth of two feet and replaced with good soil or loam; otherwise the shrubs will have a bare struggle for existence, and in their impoverished condition will be a prey to many kinds of parasitic pests.

The ground around shrubs should always be kept well stirred and cultivated, and this always conserves moisture and encourages a healthy growth.

In planting shrubs there are two methods, as regards distance: First. Planting close for immediate effect, and when they begin to crowd each other, thin out and use those removed elsewhere. Second. Planting far enough apart to give room for permanent expansion, and during the first few years, covering up the bare spaces between the bushes with annual, biennial and perennial flowers. We prefer the former.

The following shrubs are, in our judgment and experience, suitable for front lawn embellishment.

VanHoutte's Spiræa, Spiræa VanHouttie, has abundant white flowers in the end of May and first of June. The habit is free and graceful. It gets to be somewhat tall in time, but it is one of the best of the Spiræas. Thunberg's Spiræa, Spiræa Thunbergii, has small white flowers in the first of May. The fine branching sprays and the rich olive green foliage are always attractive until late in the season. The bridal wreath, Spiræa prunifolia fl-pl. has numerous double white flowers towards the middle of May. Bumald's Spiræa, Spiræa Bumalda, forms a compact low shrub with abundant large corymbs of rosy tinted flowers in June and September. A variety of the last named, known as Anthony Waterer, is lower growing, has showy reddish flowers and is very desirable.

Kerria Japonica is a low growing shrub with yellow flowers in May. The distinctly green branches are pretty in winter. There is a variety with double yellow flowers and taller, stiffer habit of growth.

Rhodotyus Kerrioides, is a shrub with no common name, but with handsome pleasing foliage, and with pure white flowers throughout the season, not at all abundant, but nesting prettily amongst the foliage.

Thunberg's barberry, Berberis Thunbergii, is a low growing handsome shrub, branching freely from the crown, with yellowish green flowers disposed abundantly along the under side of the branches in the month of May and displaying very showy red fruit in fall and winter.

The common barberry, Berberis vulgaris, is well suited to a position where tall shrubs are desired. When well established it has beautiful flowing outlines, and when covered with its handsome fruit in fall and early winter it is very attractive.

The Oregon ash-berry, Berberis (Mahonia) aquifolium, has yellow flowers in early spring and very handsome holly-like foliage. This shrub is evergreen, but in this latitude it requires protection with evergreen branches to prevent scorching by the winter's sun.

Rosa rugosa, a Japanese rose in red and white flowering varieties, has large single showy flowers throughout the summer. The large red hips that follow the flowers are very conspicuous, and the bold dark green foliage is strongly characteristic. This shrubby rose is usually immune from insect pests.

The Chinese Pearl Bush, Exochorda grandiflora, always produces an abundance of showy white flowers about the middle of May. In good soil this shrub is a vigorous grower and should, as a general rule, be kept in the back ground of groups.

The Japan quince, Cydonia Japonica, in different varieties, with scarlet, flesh and white flowers, is very showy in the month of May.

Fortune's golden bell, Forsythia Fortunei, the best of the golden bells, has yellow flowers in the end of April, with pleasing foliage on gracefully drooping branches.

The fragrant bush honeysuckle, Lonicera fragrantissima, has small white fragrant flowers in the end of April. The foliage and habit of this shrub are excellent throughout the season.

Morrow's bush honeysuckle, Lonicera Morrowii, with whitish flowers in May, and showy red currant-like fruit in July and August, and free branching habit, is very ornamental.

Albert's bush honeysuckle, Lonicera Albertii, has drooping slender branches, and rosy lilac flowers in the first of June.

The Tartarean bush honeysuckles are the most commonly planted of this genus, but they have a habit of shedding their foliage early in the season and they certainly ought not to be planted in a conspicuous situation.

Deutzia gracilis is a low growing, somewhat stiff shrub, with numerous white flowers in June. It is useful where something low is wanted. The recently introduced Deutzia Lemoinei is, however, superior to it. In our opinion the taller Deutzias are not suitable for front lawn decoration.

The cut-leaved sumach, Rhus glabra laciniata, has most attractive foliage and forms a beautiful group by itself.

The Japan privet, Ligustrum Ibota, has white flowers in June and is the most graceful of the privets. The California privet, Ligustrum ovalifolium, has handsome foliage, but as the habit of this shrub is very stiff it should always be placed in some position by itself.

Any, or all of the above mentioned shrubs are suitable for the purpose mentioned.—John Dunbar, Asst. Supt. of Parks, Rochester, N. Y.

Plants of the Philippine Islands.

Having lately seen a copy of a rare and costly Flora of the Philippines I venture to give some account of it to the readers of *Vick's Magazine* in the hope that it may prove of general interest.

Blanco's Flora de Filipinos is a sumptuous work in six huge volumes published originally at a price something like six hundred dollars. When staked one upon another the volumes make a pile 13½ inches thick, 13 inches wide and 18 inches long. The binding is very splendid in appearance, blazing with red and gold and suggesting the approval of royalty and church. This work describes all the plants of the Philippines known to 1877. It was published at Manila from 1877 to 1880. It is written in Spanish, with a good many quotations of the Latin descriptions made by Linnæus. It is a singular thing that the Linnæan is used instead of the Natural system of botany, although the former was out of date half a century before 1877. There are four volumes of text, the largest containing 512 pages, the smallest 278.

The most interesting feature of the work are the colored plates. These are not bound in book form but are so many separate sheets, each one covered by a bothersome sheet of tissue paper and the whole wrapped in two gorgeous but unwieldy portfolios. Moreover, the plates themselves are not numbered, though there is said to be a numbered list of them in one of the volumes. On the whole the colored plates are surprisingly good. They seem to be accurate and never gaudy. There are at least 450 of them. The paintings were made by native artists at Manila and the plates were lithographed at Barcelona. A copy of this great work has lately been secured by Cornell University from the author's widow who now lives in Philadelphia. A few copies are still obtainable, though this fact is not generally known. One of the plates seems to be missing. It is No. 67, *Cyperus paniculatus*. On inquiry it was found that this plate was never issued. The ship which carried the box of prints was lost at sea and the original stone "destroyed."

The subjects chosen for illustration were of course selected from a botanical rather than horticultural point of view. They are not always the showiest plants in the world. Nevertheless many of the plants are well known to northern gardens, as the cockscomb, *Canna Indica*, Mexican Poppy, and *Amaryllis Atamasco* (properly *Zephyranthes*.) Many others are cultivated outdoors in the South and California, and are also known to northern greenhouses, as the common century plant, *Agave Americana*, *Aloe humilis*, *Allamanda cathartica* *Abrus precatorius* (Crab's-Eye vine) and *Albizia* (or *Acacia*) *Lebbek*. Among the tropical fruits, nuts and other products illustrated are coffee, peanut, red pepper, caper, ginger, bread fruit, and several kinds of sour sop.—*Wilhelm Miller*.

OUR LITTLE PEOPLE

Totty Fay Goes Out in the Rain.

All day long the rain had been falling, and even now that lunch was over, there seemed no prospect of clear weather.

"Oh, dear!" said Totty Fay with a long sigh, "I do wish there was something new for little girls to do."

"Why, what is the matter?" asked her mamma. "What would you like to do?"

"Oh, I don't know," answered Totty Fay, in a mournful little voice. "It is raining like everything; I can't go out; there won't anybody come in and play with me, and I don't know what to do."

"Where are your dolls?" asked Mrs. Carroll, "why don't you play house or school, or tea party?"

"I am tired of dolls," said Totty Fay, "I want something new to play with."

"Go and play with Arthur," said her mother, "he is awake now and will be glad to play for awhile."

"Arthur is such a cry-baby," said Totty Fay tracing with her finger the course of a big raindrop outside the window pane. "He can't run around, and I don't want to stay in one room all the time."

"Find Kitty and play ball with her," said Mrs. Carroll.

"I don't want the kitten, nor any of the old things," said Totty Fay crossly, "I want to do something I never did before."

"I am afraid you are in a naughty mood," said her mamma. "You have plenty of toys and games, a dear little brother, and everything to make a little girl happy."

"Well, I want something new," said Totty Fay coming over and standing by her mamma's chair. "Don't you ever get tired of doing the same things all the time?"

Mrs. Carroll laughed and stuck her finger through a big hole in one of Totty's stockings which she was darning. "Yes," she said, "I do get tired of finding such holes as this every week, but do you think it would mend the holes, or make me happier if I threw the stockings down and said: 'I am tired of darning holes. I want something new to do?'"

"Are you tired of darning now?" asked Totty Fay, and when Mrs. Carroll nodded, she said: "Then put the old things away, and let us both do something new." She drew the work out of her mother's hands, laid it in the workbasket, and watched with eager eyes to see what Mrs. Carroll would do.

"Well," said that lady after a thoughtful pause, "I did not intend to go to-day as it was raining so hard, but I think I will go, and take you."

"Go where, mamma?" said Totty Fay, "out in all this rain?"

"Yes, that will be something new for you I think," said her mamma.

"Oh! that will be fun!" exclaimed Totty Fay, "I have never been out in the rain, never in all my life." And she ran off to nurse, to be dressed.

"Is she warmly dressed, nurse?" said Totty Fay's mamma when the little girl was ready.

"Oh, yes, mamma!" said Totty Fay. "All my warm school clothes, and my overshoes and leggins, see—," and

she put out her foot that her mamma might look at it.

"Very well," said Mrs. Carroll. "I think you will not take cold, so come along."

"Where are we going, mamma?" said Totty Fay as they stepped out into the wet cold street.

"Wait and see," said her mother leading her up one street and down another, until, after what seemed to Totty Fay a very long walk, they got into the street-car and rode a great many blocks. Finally Mrs. Carroll stopped the car, and stepped out in front of a large brick building.

"Are we going in here, mamma?" asked Totty Fay, shrinking back a little as they entered the gate way.

"Yes, dear," said Mrs. Carroll, and with Totty Fay clinging closely to her side, she walked up to the broad steps and into the wide doorway where a sweet-faced woman in snowy cap and apron came to meet them.

"I have brought my little girl to see the children," said Mrs. Carroll, and they followed their guide up the stairs and into a long room with rows of little white beds down each side. Totty Fay drew closer to her mamma for in each bed was a little pale-faced child. "Oh, mamma!" she said in a hushed voice: "Are they sick children?"

"Yes, dear said the nurse, "this is the 'Children's Hospital,' and many of these children will never be well again." Then she took Totty Fay from one bed to another; stopping to chat with the little ones when Totty Fay wanted to talk.

One golden-haired little girl, who was hugging a broken doll, smiled at Totty Fay and said: "You look just like Rosalie."

"Who is Rosalie?" said Totty Fay. "Why, my dolly," said the little girl holding it up for Totty Fay to see. "Isn't she pretty?" One night when the pain was pretty bad, I let her fall out of bed, and she broke her arm and the back of her head. Wasn't it good she did not fall on her face?"

Totty Fay nodded her head. "You poor darling!" said the little invalid, hugging the doll with a loving squeeze.

The nurse told Totty Fay that the girl was seven years old, and would never be able to walk or run like other children, and, perhaps, would not even live very long.

For two hours Totty Fay and her mamma remained with the children, and it was a very thoughtful little girl who followed her mamma down the broad walk and out at the iron gate.

"Mamma," said she, when they reached home again, "may I give my prettiest doll to that little girl?"

"Yes," said her mamma, "if you are quite sure you will not be sorry afterwards."

"Mamma, dear mamma!" said Totty Fay hugging her close. "I know why you took me to see those poor sick children. You are so glad I can run and play, and have such good times."

"Yes," said Mrs. Carroll, "and so sorry when you are cross and discontented as you were this morning."

"I will never act so again, mamma," said Totty Fay, "I will always remember those poor little children, and I will try to be good indeed I will."—*Libbie K. Root in "Sunbeams."*

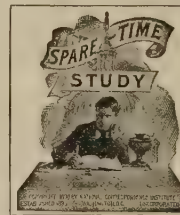
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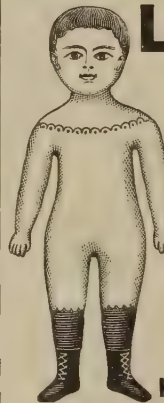
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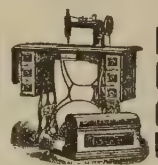
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Kindness, like grain, increases by showing.

One bad example spoils many good precepts.

No man thoroughly occupied was ever miserable.

Do not weep over your difficulties, but walk over them.

In every form of the human some hint of the Highest dwells.

He lives long who lives well; time misspent is not lived but lost.

True politeness is to do and say the kindest things in the kindest way.

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no tale-bearer the strife endeth.

That teacher must be poor indeed who has not each year a few dollars with which to buy new ideas.

The vicious seed is sown; it is next to impossible to go through the field of a child's mind and gather it up again. It has taken root, and unless it can be crowded out by a nobler growth the harvest is certain.—*Amelia E. Barr.*

A Saving of Money to Housewives.

BY S. T. H.

A very practical housekeeper said to me a few days ago, "If you wish to begin saving money in the new year of 1901, I can tell you a way to save the dimes, then you know the dollars save themselves." Of course I was eager to adopt any good method of saving an honest penny, for this is the root of having a bank account after all, a saving in the little things. This friend's way was this: She lived in the country and was dependent upon lamps, and the breaking of glass globes and chimneys got to be alarming and she adopted this method of increasing their durability. She filled a pan full of cold water and put her glass globes and chimneys into it, then she set it on the stove and left it there until the water came to a boil, then she removed them from the fire and left the globes, etc., in the water until it was perfectly cold. This tempered them, and the chimneys were treated in the same manner, if there was not room in the pan for them. There was no more breaking of glass chimneys for her, and the dimes grew larger. If you wish your lamps to give a steady clear light, night after night, wash the lamps inside and outside, once or twice a week in a hot suds of pearline, as it removes the sediments and clogged up condition of them. Then wash your boiled glass globes

and chimneys in this same suds and wipe dry with a soft cloth; after rinsing in clear warm water, then polish lastly with tissue paper. It is just wonderful what a brilliant clear light you will have after treating them thus. It is worth trying.

Practical Points.

FRENCH ROLLS.—Mix as for lunch rolls and add a scant pint of milk, mixing into a firm dough. Roll pieces of the dough into short, thick rolls, tapering at the ends, and put two of these side by side, pressing the ends together to make the finished roll. Wash over with milk and bake in a hot oven.

BANANA SALAD.—Cut four bananas twice lengthwise, and then each piece into quarters. Put two small lettuce leaves together, lay several pieces of bananas on the lettuce and cover with a dressing. Arrange on a large platter and garnish with parsley.

ASPARAGUS SOUP.—Boil the asparagus in as much water as will cover it, and when tender add the whole (water and vegetable) to a saucepan of boiling milk, and season with butter, bread crumbs, pepper and salt.

EGGS SCRAMBLED IN MILK.—Heat one cup of milk, melt in it a teaspoonful of butter and stir into it six eggs which have been beaten just enough to mix the yolks and whites. Stir constantly until the eggs thicken, and as soon as you have a tolerably firm mixture salt to taste, add a tablespoonful of minced parsley and serve.

In his fine paper, "The Commercial and Sanitary Importance of Pure Food," Dr. W. H. Jordan, Director, New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y., gave many illustrations of the way in which food is adulterated.

Out of 2000 varieties of food examined by Connecticut authorities, 678 were found to be adulterated, and 173 contained antiseptic or preservative substances.

Dairy products and jellies are almost universally adulterated; oysters and meats, especially sausages, are treated with preservatives. Borax, boric acid, formaline and other injurious substances of like nature are used.

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In conclusion, Dr. Jordan made a ringing appeal to anyone who might be using adulterants or harmful preservatives, to desist in the name of suffering humanity.—F. B.

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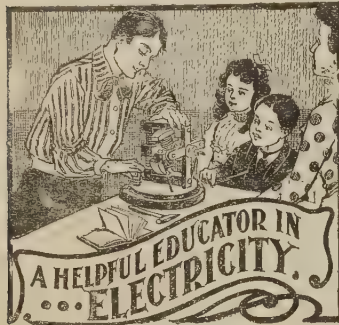
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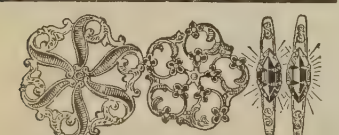


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FRUIT NOTES

Food Value of Fruit.

In recent years the growing of fruits has assumed great commercial importance in many regions of the United States, especially in the South and on the Pacific coast. The amount of fruit consumed in the average household has undoubtedly increased with the greater production and facilities for shipping and marketing.

Many stations have reported analyses of fruits and made extended studies of the different methods of growing fruit trees, their soil requirements, enemies, etc.

The stone fruits constitute an important group, and have been studied for a number of years by the California and Oregon stations. Fresh peaches, apricots, cherries, prunes, and plums are general favorites, while enormous quantities of these fruits are canned, dried or preserved in some way. It is interesting to compare the composition of these fruits, fresh and dried, with each other and with some of the staple articles of diet.

It must not be forgotten, however, that fruits are valuable for other reasons than the nutrient which they furnish. They contain acids and other bodies which are believed by physiologists to have a beneficial effect on the system and, doubtless, very often stimulate the appetite for other food. They are also useful in counteracting a tendency to constipation. Another point—and one entirely apart from food value—should not be overlooked. That is, fruits add very materially to the attractiveness of the diet. It is not easy to estimate their value from this standpoint, since often the appearance of food has a value which cannot be measured in dollars and cents.—The Farmer.

Planting Fruits on The Lawn.

It often occurs to those who have small places, and sometimes to those who have large farms, to combine utility and ornamentation in the houseyard. They think trees, vines and bushes can serve the purposes of shade, beauty and fruit-bearing all in one. Sometimes they can, but, in my opinion, such cases are rare. It is not often that there is proper opportunity to cultivate about them sufficiently. A houseyard should be in grass to avoid mud and dust and to look well, while the soil about fruits of almost every kind should be kept thoroughly tilled. Nor does it suffice to have a small patch about each tree or vine cultivated and the rest in grass; for the uncultivated part will draw the moisture from that which is cultivated. Besides the feeding roots soon extend far beyond the limits of such patches, or, at least they should do so.

If an apple, cherry or pear tree is set in the back yard here and there, where shade is needed, and where the children may play under them, it may be well enough in some cases; but do not aim to have an orchard about the house, either in front or rear. They are out of place, and usually prove disappointing both from ornamental and pomological standpoints.

Nut bearing trees are sometimes quite satisfactory, and make the best compromise between fruit and ornamental trees that I know. They root deeply and therefore do not depend so much on the surface soil as do ordinary fruit trees, after they are once well established. Hickory and pecan trees make nice shade and have almost no objectionable features. The chestnut is a good tree, but the burrs are somewhat annoying to barefooted children. The walnuts, both native and foreign, are quite satisfactory. The Japanese kinds make very handsome and stately trees. Juglans cordiformis, which is the best of this class, bears a very good nut in great abundance and begins at an early age.

Grape arbors are sometimes very pleasing near the house, if they are well made and kept in repair and the vines annually pruned and tied in place. Where the Southern Muscadine or rotundifolia class of grapes will succeed they will make a dense shade and need no pruning. The James and Scuffemans are good varieties of this class.

In case any attempts are made to introduce fruit trees or plants of any kind on the lawn or in the backyard be sure to place them singly or in groups after the natural style and not in rows or after other formal plans.—H. E. Van Deman.

The Best Time For Planting Currants.

Currants are about the cheapest and easiest crop of fruit to produce, requiring very little time and labor as compared with many others, states American Gardening. For fillers, or what might be termed a catch crop, they are indispensable, when grown between plum, pear, peach, cherry and quince trees. They can be grown in an orchard of any of these fruits without retarding or injuring the trees. When currants are fruited in this way it is merely a question of more manure or fertilizer. Every intelligent fruit grower will understand this at once. Under this system of intensive gardening you have a nice income from your currants, while your fruit trees are developing and getting ready for fruiting.

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No matter how great a sacrifice it may seem, you should remove two-thirds of the new wood each season. Failing to do this you will soon have a lot of overgrown bushes on your hands, and the fruit will dwindle in size and be imperfect in many ways. On the other hand, if you prune judiciously, spray as often as is necessary, manure well and cultivate thoroughly, you can keep your plantation of currants in perfect order for at least ten years, and one year with another, you will be well recompensed for your investment and labor.

Grafting Wax.

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GARDEN NOTES

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A visit to the dahlia farm of H. Burt of Taunton, Mass., must be a revelation to any save a commercial grower or an enthusiastic, up-to-date fancier of the flower. The dahlia has had its ups and downs of popularity, but since that general fever of enthusiasm when the European gardeners had at last succeeded in semi-doubling and doubling the newcomer from Mexico, garden lovers, true flower devotees, have mostly been cold, when they were not hostile to the "florists' flower," the big, top-heavy round-upon-round of petals fluted and quilled with depressing uniformity. Even its velvet surface, its superb tinting, its fantastic freakishness of color combinations, even the pictorial helpfulness of the plant in the garden scheme, and even that strongest argument, its long season of bloom, rising to its greatest splendor after the autumn rains, failed to win it any warmth of appreciation. That came first from artistic, discerning flower lovers to the single dahlia, when modern taste and feeling began to insist upon their restoration to their true place in the garden. But that appreciation has persistently remained "caviare to the general," and the dahlia, in any form, so infrequently and scantily appears in the ordinary garden that a farm devoted to its culture seems as if it must be the indulgence of the craze of a wholly uncommercial specialist. But Mr. Burt's seven acres of dahlias mean business, and as, beginning with a single plant, he has gone on to the twelve hundred varieties that crowd these acres and has been a dozen years in the work, it is plain that dahlias have a standing and a future.

Of kinds there has been but the addition of the cactus form to the single, great double, and pompon ones familiar to most people, but the variations upon these four motives in color, texture, size shape, curve and fin-riation of petal, in foliage, robustness and manner of growth of the plant, seem endless to the visitor treading these mazes of bloom. Single flower loyalists will not in the least be shaken in their allegiance by the masses of double triumphs of the florists' art and patience in Mr. Burt's fields, for there are long rows of single dahlias growing with a freedom and decorative grace vouchsafed no other variety.

As for that latest addition to dahlia varieties, the cactus, even the most passionate devotees of the single form must acknowledge the surpassing beauty of the newcomer. It is to the old double forms that the Japanese chrysanthemum was to the few formal Chinese varieties that were our earliest acquaintance—a contribution of airy, irregular grace and elegance. The petals are longer and lighter looking, and the color oftenest yellow, but occasionally a reddish purple adds greatly to the effectiveness of the flower.

According to Mr. Burt the dahlia is of the easiest culture. The same

treatment that will produce an abundant crop of potatoes—light, air, room, a thoroughly pulverized soil filled with food—will produce an abundant of dahlia bloom and tubers, though not all varieties are of equal constitutional vigor. Some lavish producers of the choicest flowers are meagre root makers. To secure a fairly uniform size among his mailing stock Mr. Burt grades his varieties according to their characteristics, giving those most delicate the heaviest application of a fertilizer rich in potash. He uses both barnyard and commercial fertilizers, the dahlia fields are ploughed and cross-ploughed, the tubers are planted in rows precisely like potatoes, and after the young plants pierce the ground the cultivator is kept going until their lusty growth forbids. Happily, with the dahlia there are no insects to fight, but the flower is very sensitive to frost.

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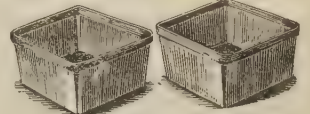
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OUR POULTRY PAGE

J. W. Burgess

Put new straw into the nests. Give them a variety of food. Breed from the best layers. Plenty of clean water is a necessity. Always breed from your best fowls. Soft shelled eggs show a lack of lime.

Don't forget the ground oyster shells. Now let up on corn and corn meal mush.

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Deformed eggs are an indication that the hens are too fat.

The first grass that grows belongs to the hen. See that she gets it.

Hens that have free range over a large area, need little other food.

If your hens are too fat put them on a ration of whole oats a few days.

Let the hens do much of their own grinding and don't feed too much soft food.

Don't be satisfied with keeping in sight of the procession but strive to be in it.

A hen is a small machine, but properly managed she will lift a big mortgage.

Don't try to accomplish in three days what others have been years in struggling after.

Give the hens some charcoal. Corn on the cob, burned to a crisp will fill the bill, and they like it.

Egg shells are porous and should be kept clean, as any filth left on them is sure to taint the meat of the egg.

If you haven't an incubator, then buy, beg, borrow, or steal a broody hen or two, and get her under motion at once.

In building a hen house, don't have it too high. The extra space is of no use, and makes more space to keep warm.

Select your favorite breed and then tie up to it. Study its habits, requirements, etc., and strive for the best results.

Don't let a cabbage leaf, or a turnip or carrot or beet go to waste. Chop it up and see with what avidity the hens will devour it.

Eggs are now cheaper than any sort of meat, and they can be prepared in endless ways to make them palatable. They are healthful, so why not eat your fill of them.

Every farmer should be a poultry breeder. It may be "puttering" business, but it will clean up more money for him than many of his big fields of grain, in proportion to the money and time and labor invested.

If you are in the chicken business at all extensively you will soon clear the price of an incubator by using one instead of depending on the cranky and unreliable old hen. Consult our columns as to best incubators.

If you live in a village don't allow your fowls to become a nuisance to your neighbors. If they have been allowed to run at large all winter, shut them up now that the early lettuce bed is started. Your neighbors may not be as interested in the success of your poultry as they are in their own salad. Be considerate.

Dig up the yard in spots, now that the frost is out. The hens are hungry for worms, and this is an easy way to keep them scratching.

You still, occasionally, find a smart individual who can tell the sex of an egg before it is hatched. Put all such people down as fakes, pure and simple. That remains undiscovered, and a fortune awaits the man who can solve it.

Get a punch and mark the most perfect chicks, by punching a hole in the web between the toes. Then you can tell them after they grow older, when it will be almost impossible to distinguish them from the others. Use them for breeders another year.

Many extensive breeders of broilers will not allow a hen on the farm. They use incubators and brooders, and buy all their eggs. The reason hens are excluded is because of the danger from lice, which never appear among incubator hatched chicks, unless from contact with hens that are infested by them.

When setting hens it is well to set two at the same time. It is hardly likely that all the eggs will hatch, and when the chicks are just out, you can place all of them under one hen, as she will take as good care of them as the two hens would, and you can either set the other hen again, or break her up and get her laying again.

Of course you have cleaned your roosting place of its winter's accumulation. If not, then do so at once. Disease lurks there, and lice are breeding there, and you will soon be doctoring a lot of sick fowls, and complaining about your hard luck. Having cleaned it all out, air it thoroughly and then sprinkle kerosene about, saturating the perches, and all crevices where lice might breed. Prompt measures thus early will save you a vast amount of work and trouble later on.

The hen that is up first in the morning and last at night and which is continually poking about in out of the way places, the inquisitive hen that wants to know all about everything and will amuse herself picking up imaginary bugs and worms when real ones are not available, is your best friend, and is laying more eggs for you than any other hen in the yard. Be good to her, and if you can raise a brood of chicks from her eggs, by all means do it. Properly mated she will become the mother of a flock of money-making hens, that will astonish your neighbors and make you think that poultry pays.

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We beg the parents of young children who are growing up, to impart to them a love of the beautiful, the attractive, if one is pleased to so call the graceful arts and adornments of life.

Many of the refinements of life spring from a love of music, pictures and flowers, which, though not possessing the practical utility of commerce or agriculture, yet play an important and pleasing part in the economy of life. A love of flowers is a source of pleasure so wide-spread and free, that no one need be denied its gratification.

There is much in the training of a child: so much, indeed, that we may say a child can be trained to love and appreciate all things—"Just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined." The child's mind is soft and pliable, a piece of wax upon which one may trace lines according to his own fancy.

The love of flowers is refining and elevating, breathing a sentiment that can result only in pure, true thoughts. Encourage the child to make a special study of the flower. Let him notice how the plant grows from day to day, how the sunshine, the rain and the fertile soil furnish the necessary elements of growth. Show him that the juice of the plant, which permeates the leaf, stalk and root, corresponds with the life giving blood in our own human system. Then when the plant blooms, his attention should be called to the delicate perfume, the exquisite coloring, the bud, the half-blown, and the full-blown blossom. These things cannot fail to interest him, for he has naturally an enquiring mind that seeks to know causes and reasons.

The natural beauty of the flower, and its very fragile nature appeal to his gentler and tenderer emotions, and he sees that God cares for even this delicate blossom, clothing it in such richness that even Solomon in all his glory was not so beautifully arrayed.

The child, the man, the woman who has in his or her heart a sincere love and appreciation of flowers in their beauty and grace, has no room for base, ignoble thoughts or desires. The refinement of the flower has driven out that lower grovelling appetite, and in its place is a true love of the beautiful and pure, a sentiment that can result only in good.

The thoughtful mind will readily suggest many other ways in which this love may be instilled into the child. A little flower garden, all one's own, the habit of bringing in daily fresh flowers for sitting room and dining-table, and the reading of sweet little poems and stories of flowers, are all means of developing this sentiment and bringing it to perfection.—E. H. Watson.

Palms as House Plants.

If one has but one palm it should be given a pretty jardiniere, and the pot wrapped in sphagnum moss. The drying out of palm roots is the surest way of killing the palm.

Where one has a number of palms, a stand with sides around it and lined with zinc is an excellent place for them. Moss may be placed in the standard around the pots. This treatment is necessary during hot weather while the palms are out doors, and they should never be given the south sun during winter nor summer. An east window for winter, the east by north corner in the yard for summer suits them admirably. Palms will not die if given a shady place the year round, and they will stand more neglect than many other plants, but to have them grow and look thrifty, with bright leaves and a continual growth, they must have intelligent care.

The drainage should be good, the earth light and rich. Then the roots must not dry out, but by keeping the outside of the pots moist, by sphagnum moss, the earth must not be kept soaking. In winter, in a room which I keep at 75°, I water my palms twice a week. The earth is just nicely dry when I give the water, and each time I water them, I pour in a dipperful, sometimes two, of luke warm water. Every day I spray all my plants with warm water, using a rubber bulb with a spray on the end. If a spray is not used, a whisk broom will keep the dust off the palm leaves. Twice a fortnight I give the plants a little liquid fertilizer, and how they do grow.

The scale attacks palms, and constant watching is necessary. If the palm is infected the surest way of exterminating the pests is to go over every leaf and stem, under and upper side, with a tooth brush dipped in alcohol. Afterwards wash the palm with soapsuds and warm water. If a few scales appear, they can readily be scraped off with a toothpick. But the greatest caution must be used to prevent scales becoming permanent lodgers, as they mean ruin to a palm's beauty.

The *Lantana Borbonica* is one that is generally grown. While its fan-like leaves and coloring are rich, it is by no means as graceful or as dainty as many others. It is often called Chinese Fan Palm.

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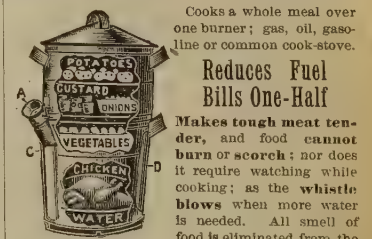
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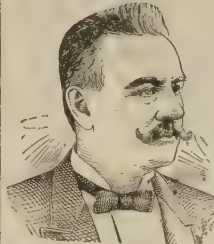
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One can easily imagine how the popularity of the violet increased when Napoleon, having escaped from Elba, entered Paris in triumph on March 20, 1815. He had indeed returned with the violets, and his rejoicing friends decorated themselves with the emblematic flower.

During the Bourbon ascendancy, it was dangerous to wear a violet in public, as naturally it continued to be regarded as the Napoleonic flower.

At the time of the second empire, the popularity of the violet was again revived, and singularly enough, when Louis Napoleon was a prisoner in the fortress of Ham, a package of violet plants having arrived, some of the officials were so busy in planting them in pots, that the prisoner made his escape.

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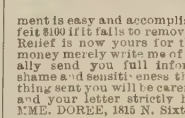
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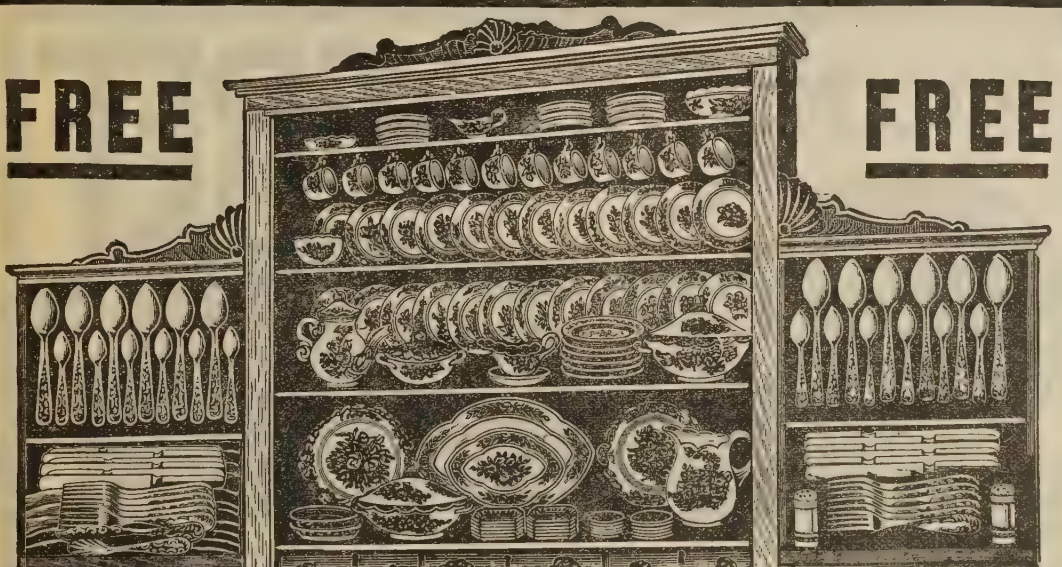
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 No question is ever settled
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 O man, bowed down with labor,
 O woman, young, yet old,
 O heart, oppressed in the toiler's breast
 And crushed by the power of gold,
 Keep on with your weary battle
 Against triumphant might,
 No question is ever settled
 Until it is settled right.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Walking among the garden beds
 Where perfume and beauty each floweret sheds,
 A lesson of life I learn to read
 In each little blossom and leaf and weed—
 A lesson that teaches we all may give
 Some beauty and sweetness wherever we live.

A Hungry Heart.

We hear much these days about nervous prostration, and they tell us that it is because the nerves are starved. It is well there is a spiritual cure for much of this prostration, for there are not only starved nerves but starved hearts, and there is a need for a deeper rest than any so-called "rest cure" can give. And it may be that, in some cases at least, back of the starved nerves are these starved hearts. The heart wants food.

Some time ago a husband going home from business, and, finding his wife not as cheerful as usual, said, "What's the matter, my dear? Can I do anything for you?" She replied, "Yes, I wish you would write me a letter as you used to write before we were married." Many husbands would have laughed and called her foolish, but he was a wise man; he went up immediately into his library, locked himself in and wrote a real love letter, just as he had written in the long ago—called her his sweetheart as of old, and gave her the letter; her heart was hungry!

'Sleeping Alone.

Give the baby and each child a bed to itself. Have the sleeping-room cool and clean and as bare of furniture as a cell. See that the clothing of the little sleeper is loose at the neck, waist and arms, and keep its head uncovered. If there is anything young animals cannot do without, it is fresh air, and babies get less than any other class. Through the pores of the skin the body is continually throwing off poisonous vapors. If the head is covered with the bed-clothing the unfortunate infant will be breathing bad air. Fashion or no fashion, it is a cruel shame to trim or starch baby's clothing. The average child suffers from over-feeding and over-dressing. Let it learn to be a trifle hungry. Half the time the child cries it wants fresh air or fresh water. Wiping the lips of a crying baby with cool water will often soothe and refresh it.

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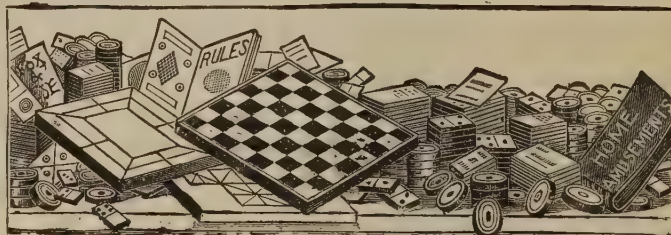
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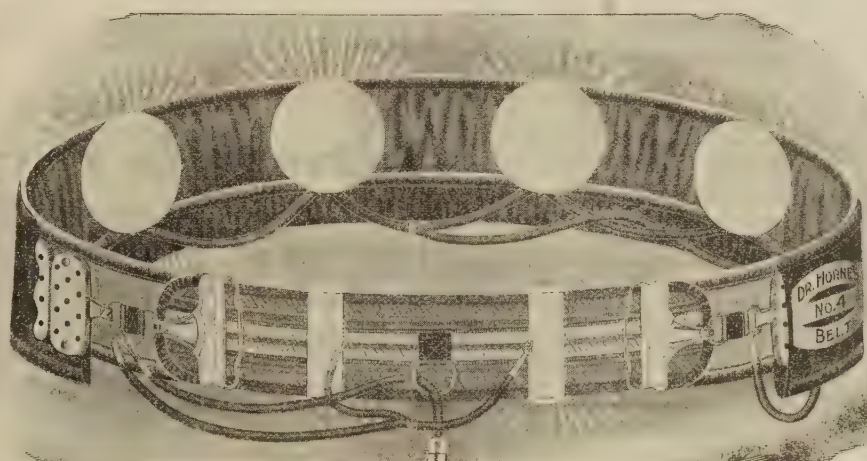
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A destructive cyclone swept over Birmingham Ala. Mar 25, causing a loss of \$300,000 worth of property, injuring about 40 persons, and killing 18.

The Boers have met with a series of disasters in South Africa since their rejection of the terms offered by Lord Kitchener, but "Oom Paul" still holds out hope.

Chas. P. Clark, former President of the New York and New Haven R. R. died in Nice, March 29. He practically built up that system which developed into the great terminal station at Boston.

Rev. Elijah Kellogg, author and preacher whose fame rested on his books for boys, died at Harpswell, Me. March 18, aged 88. He was the author of "Spartacus to the Gladiators" which nearly every school boy knows.

In the death of Colonel E. C. James, the famous New York lawyer, March 24, one of the four men whom Justice Patterson of the Appellate Division once distinguished "as great cross-examiners" has gone. The others were Joseph H. Choate, John E. Parsons, as Frederic R. Coudert.

Miss Clara Greacen of Michigan has been appointed to the position of Law Clerk in the Treasury Department at Washington. She is the first woman to hold the position, and has secured it on account of her eminent legal ability. Her duties will be to write legal opinions for the Government. She is described as a handsome girl and very modest.

Frauds in the Commissary Department are reported from Manila, and the arrest of Captain Frederick J. Barrows, quartermaster of the Southern Department of Luzon, together with seven commissary sergeants, several civilian clerks, a prominent Government contractor, the proprietors of three of the largest bakeries in Manila and several others.

Charlotte Mary Yonge, author of a hundred books, died in Winchester, Eng., March 24. Her hundredth book was published two years ago. She was a great woman, and has been famous since 1853 when the "Heir of Redclyffe" appeared. Her historic researches were extensive and her writings along this line are deservedly popular. Her knowledge of history gave her power in the realm of fiction.

Professor H. R. Gaylord of the University of Buffalo, claims to have discovered that cancer is caused by an animal parasite which has been identified and isolated. His opinions are endorsed by many physicians of high authority, and the conviction prevails among those who are giving the matter attention that all that remains now is to discover an antitoxin as an effective remedy.

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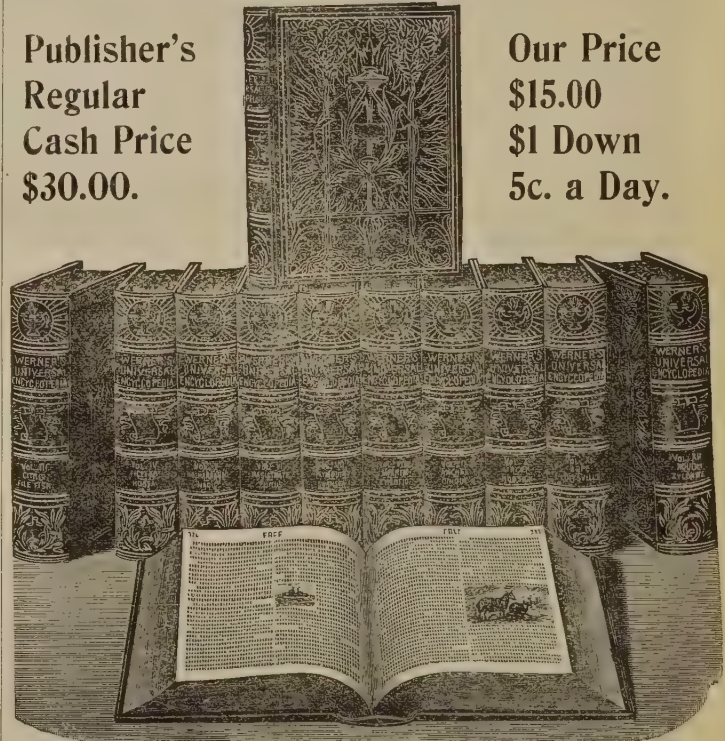
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If you can locate the egg-eating hen, it will pay you to chop her head off at once, as she will soon teach the others the trick. We have known instances where whole flocks of hens have become so addicted to this practice that when a hen got on to the nest to lay they would all stand around eagerly watching for the egg to appear, when they would all pounce upon it, and devour it shell and all. The worst case we ever knew was that of a farmer who had forty or fifty hens, many of them laying, and yet he didn't get any eggs, except as he watched for them and was able to secure them before the hens did. This habit does not develop suddenly, but is the result of weeks of neglect along some line. The fowls have been deprived of some sort of food for which they craved. Generally this longing is for animal food, and an occasional meal of chopped meat, or ground green bone will satisfy it. Tallow cut up in small chunks and fed to them will often supply the need. However, when the habit is firmly contracted, either in one hen or a dozen, heroic measures must be adopted. Of course it can be stopped by decapitating the entire lot, but one dislikes to do that. This is our method: Take a sharp knife and clip off the tip end of the bill, cutting it back far enough to just touch the quick and make it tender and sensitive. It will be just as sore and tender as your finger-nail is when you clip it a little to closely. The hen thus doctored will try to pick a hole in the egg as of yore, but she will stop before she has tried long, and before the bill grows out again, she will have

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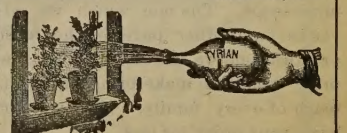
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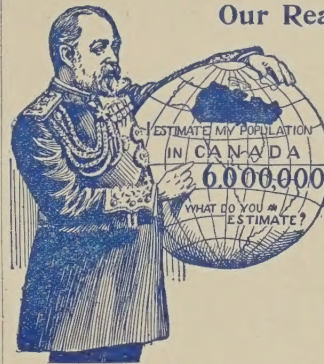
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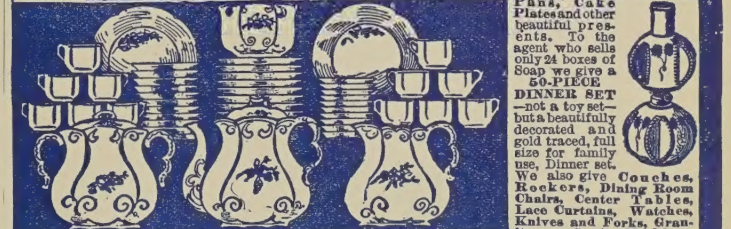
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